



Senate

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 22

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The Committee on Judiciary reported through SEN. MCDONALD of the 27th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY EXTENDING PROVISIONS OF THE STATE CODE OF ETHICS FOR LOBBYISTS TO MUNICIPAL LOBBYISTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force
2 to study extending provisions of the state code of ethics for lobbyists to
3 apply to municipal lobbyists. Such study shall include, but not be
4 limited to, an examination of (1) alternative options for registration,
5 reporting and other regulatory requirements and restrictions on
6 lobbying activities applicable to municipal lobbyists, (2) the
7 appropriate duties and responsibilities of the State Ethics Commission
8 and municipal ethics commissions or similar municipal agencies with
9 respect to the oversight of municipal lobbyists, and (3) any proposed
10 legislation necessary to implement the recommendations of the task
11 force.

12 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

- 13 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;
- 14 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;
- 15 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
16 Representatives;
- 17 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;
- 18 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
19 Representatives;
- 20 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;
- 21 (7) The chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing
22 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
23 relating to government administration and elections; and
- 24 (8) The chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing
25 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
26 relating to the judiciary.
- 27 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),
28 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member
29 of the General Assembly. The members of the task force appointed
30 under said subdivisions shall include: (1) One representative of the
31 Connecticut Conference of Municipalities; (2) one representative of the
32 Connecticut Bar Association; and (3) one representative of the Council
33 of Small Towns.
- 34 (d) All appointments to the task force shall be made no later than
35 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be
36 filled by the appointing authority.
- 37 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president
38 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task
39 force, from among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons
40 shall schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held no
41 later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

42 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committees of the
43 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
44 government administration and elections and the judiciary shall serve
45 as administrative staff of the task force.

46 (g) Not later than January 1, 2005, the task force shall submit a
47 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing
48 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
49 relating to government administration and elections and the judiciary,
50 in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general
51 statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that it submits such
52 report or January 1, 2005, whichever is earlier.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>

JUD *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note**State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 05 \$	FY 06 \$
Legislative Mgmt.	GF - Cost	Potential Minimal	None

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill establishes a 16-member task force to study extending provisions of the State Ethics Code for Lobbyists to municipal lobbyists and requires the task force to report their findings by January 1, 2005. Legislative Management will incur minimal costs for legislator mileage reimbursement. The bill requires the administrative staff of the Government Administration and Elections and Judiciary committees to serve as the administrative staff of the task force, which results in no fiscal impact.

OLR BILL ANALYSIS

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AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY EXTENDING PROVISIONS OF THE STATE CODE OF ETHICS FOR LOBBYISTS TO MUNICIPAL LOBBYISTS**SUMMARY:**

This bill establishes a 16-member task force to study extending provisions of the State Ethics Code for Lobbyists to municipal lobbyists. At a minimum, the task force must examine (1) alternative registration, reporting, restrictions, and regulatory requirements applicable to municipal lobbyists; (2) oversight responsibilities of the state and local ethics commissions and other local agencies; and (3) legislation necessary to implement any task force recommendations.

By January 1, 2005, the task force must report its finding and recommendations to the Government Administration and Elections (GAE) and Judiciary committees. The task force terminates when it reports or January 1, 2005, whichever is earlier.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

TASK FORCE APPOINTMENTS, MEMBERS, AND STAFF

The task force consists of:

1. two people each appointed by the House speaker and Senate president pro tempore,
2. one person each appointed by the House and Senate majority and minority leaders, and
3. the chairs and ranking members of the GAE and Judiciary committees.

The bill specifies that the legislative leaders' appointees can be legislators. However, at least three of the people appointed by the leaders must represent the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities, Connecticut Bar Association, and Council of Small Towns. The leaders must make their appointments within 30 days of the bill's effective

date. The appointing authority fills any vacancy.

The House speaker and the Senate president pro tempore select the chairmen from the membership. The chairmen must schedule the first meeting within 60 days of the bill's effective date. GAE's and Judiciary's administrative staff serve the task force in that capacity.

BACKGROUND

Legislative History

The Senate referred the bill (File 30) to the Judiciary Committee, which substituted the task force for provisions regulating municipal lobbyists in a manner similar to state lobbyists.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 17 Nay 0

Judiciary Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 31 Nay 0